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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO DISCUSSION WITH UNDER SECRETARY READ

DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO ATHENS UNDER SECRETARY READ REQUESTED THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REMARKS ON FSO OVERTIME BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING, FOR HIS POSSIBLE USE RE PROPOSED PELL AMENDMENT.

OVERTIME AT ATHENS IS A REGULAR FEATURE OF CONSULAR WORK, GIVEN THE LARGE NUMBERS OF AMERICANS WHO VISIT GREECE. THIS YEAR WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE NUMBER WILL EXCEED 650,000, MANY OF WHOM WILL FACE VARIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH WILL REQUIRE EMERGENCY CONSULAR ASSISTANCE DURING OFF-DUTY HOURS. THE OFFICERS CARRYING OUT SUCH EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RANGE IN GRADE FROM FSO-7 TO FSO-5. THUS, WE WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE PELL AMENDMENT.

AS THE DEPARTMENT IS WELL AWARE, CONSULAR OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO COLLECT A SPECIAL FEE, EQUAL TO \$6.00 PER 15 MINUTES OF OFFICER TIME FOR ANY SERVICE PERFORMED AFTER HOURS WHICH REQUIRES COLLECTION OF A FEE FOR THE SERVICE. THIS RELATES TO PASSPORTS, VISAS AND NOTARIAL TYPE SERVICES. SITUATIONS WOULD THUS ARISE, SHOULD THE PELL AMENDMENT BE PASSED, WHEREIN AN OFFICER CALLED TO EMBASSY AFTER HOURS TO ASSIST AN AMERICAN WOULD BE REQUIRED TO CHARGE THE LATTER \$6 FOR EACH 15 MINUTS AWAY FROM HOME, BUT IN TURN WOULD BE DENIED ANY PAYMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE OVER-TIME WORKED. SUCH AN ANOMALY IS PARTICULARLY AWKWARD AT A TIME WHEN THE TRAVELING PUBLIC IS DEMANDING GREATER SERVICE FROM THE FOREIGN  
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SERVICE, TO ACCOMPANYING EXHORTATIONS FROM CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT. THE CONSULAR OFFICERS AT THIS POST AND THE STAFF AIDE, WHO ROUTINELY HAS TO WORK LONG OVERTIME HOURS, FEEL STRONGLY THAT THE PELL AMENDMENT SHOULD BE VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT. SHOULD IT NEVERTHELESS BE FAVORABLY CONSIDERED BY THE CONGRESS, THE TARIFF OF FEES SHOULD BE AMENDED TO ELIMINATE THE ABOVE DESCRIBED SUPPLEMENTARY FEE FOR AFTER HOURS SERVICE.

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